

Hello,

My name is Cheryl Edwards and I've been a registered nurse in this community for nearly 40 years. I have been working at Holy Family Hospital for the past 7 years and currently hold the position of Director of Nursing Operations.

As a caregiver and nursing director at Holy Family, I am speaking tonight in support of Caritas' new relationship with Cerberus because I strongly believe the financial investment and overall stability brought about by this sale is in the very best interest of our patients and our community.

The access to capital and the financial stability Cerberus brings to our hospital system fills a critical need for facility improvements in order to maintain the level of safe, quality care that we provide. Our hospital, our patients and community deserve the very best that medical science has to offer. With the support of Cerberus, the physical plant, medical equipment and technology available to our physicians and patients will be second to none. This is particularly important to so many area residents who cannot or wish not to leave their community to receive the best medical care available.

Every single day, our staff strives to fulfill our Mission and uphold our values of Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence to provide exceptional care to our community. Employees of Holy Family truly treat our patients as if they were members of their own family. Regardless of our profit status, I know our nursing staff will continue to carry out our Mission and our patients will be cared for with these same dedication and core values. And for long-time employees who have spent the majority of their careers, if not their lives, at this hospital, I believe Cerberus's commitment to fully fund employee pensions is admirable.

Thank you.

*Cheryl A. Edwards*

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